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Fanwood Mayor Connelly, center, and Scotch Plains Mayor Samuel, second from right, are pictured with SP-F High School DECA students, left to right, Peter Kobliska, David Baumwoll and Thomas Gentile, after signing a proclamation declaring the week of February 8th to the 14th as DECA Week.

## DECA Students Win Award for Fanwood Research Project

Several months ago DECA students at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School took on a major market research project for the Fanwood Community Assessment Committee. The purpose of the project was to develop recommendations for the improvement of the downtown business district and of communications within the Borough.

Sophomores Andrew Elko, Jim McClintock and Tony Gicas spearheaded a survey project and developed it into a major undertaking involving much of our community. Questionnaires sent to each household in the drew an impressive response of 19%. After compiling and analyzing the survey results, the students then drafted their conclusions and recommendations, which were presented to the Assessment Committee and Borough Council.

The students then entered their project into statewide DECA competitions and won first place in the State for their Market Research - Creative Marketing project. Representing New Jersey, the students competed at the DECA National Competition in Orlando, Florida, an event that was attended by 13,000 students from throughout the United

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Maryanne S. Connelly

## A Message from Mayor Maryanne Connelly

All you have to do is pick up the local newspapers and you can see that there is a lot going on in Fanwood: our first community volunteer fair was recently conducted; 112 residents showed up to help on Clean Communities Day; the "Can of Corn Poets" collected food for the food pantry at the Fanwood

Presbyterian Church; Jessica Simpson was reelected to represent us on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, and 3 candidates have announced their interest in running for Mayor: Council President Bill Populus, Councilman Lou Jung and local resident Dan Valentino.

Additionally the Borough Council passed the municipal budget which provides for a zero percent increase in your local municipal taxes for the third time in six years. There are new planters downtown, and the Recreation Commission is preparing for its annual family day in the park

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## The Fanwood Community Assessment Committee: Communications & Volunteerism Committee

The Fanwood Communications and Volunteerism Committee has been busy working on a number of projects that are designed to help improve the quality of life in the Borough of Fanwood. The communication projects will help get the word out about what is going on in the Borough as well improve communication with Borough offices and local organizations. One of the projects we have been working on is this newsletter. Additional projects include enhancing the programming on TV-35, providing e-mail access to Borough Hall and developing the official Borough website. We have also prepared a pamphlet explaining how to prepare and where to send press releases about events that are of



For information about the FCVC, contact David Pickering at (908) 317-9724. Pictured left to right are committee members Denise Schmidt, Laurie Feinberg, Marianne Kranz, Sharon Walker and David Pickering.

interest to the community.

The other major focus of the committee is to increase volunteerism and provide recognition to the members of our community who give of their time and energy. They are planning to hold volunteer fairs throughout the year so that you can learn more about opportunities there are to become involved in the community and the services these organizations provide. If

you're interested in finding out about any of the projects we are working on, or in volunteering, please write to the Fanwood Communications/Volunteer Committee, 75 North Martine Ave., Fanwood, NJ 07023. We hope to hear from you soon!

## Fanwood Assessment Committee: Planning for Fanwood's Future

"Having executed a realistic assessment of Fanwood's civic infrastructure and having identified three areas to be strengthened, the committee will assure that actions be fully developed, revised as necessary and successfully implemented."

That is the mission statement that was adopted by the Borough of Fanwood's steering committee on April 12, 1999.

The Mayor and Council gave full funding to all proposed projects that were presented to them on December 2, 1998. Some projects have already been implemented: you can read about them as well as other projects that were proposed in this newsletter.

The committee would like to hear from you if you are interested in serving as a member of an action group or as a member of the steering committee. You can call Fanwood Borough hall at (908) 322-8236, and someone will contact you shortly thereafter.

*- In 1910 Fanwood's maximum automobile speed limit set by borough ordinance was 8 mph -*



A group of Fanwood residents celebrate summer during this 1997 block party. Block parties are a great way to meet your neighbors, create a sense of community and, most of all, have fun!

## A Message from Mayor Connelly

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immediately following the Memorial Day Parade. The Fanwood Memorial Library, headed by Dan Weiss, is hosting its first annual concert on Sunday May 16th at 3:30. I could go on and on but space cannot accommodate all the happenings in Fanwood, so I would like to focus on two important issues:

Many of you are aware of the Dean Oil site at the corner of 2nd Street and LaGrande Avenue. Over the years, discussion on the use of this property has ranged from retail establishments with apartments to a food market to a major retailer outlet to housing and senior citizen housing. These are only some of the uses that have been discussed but never truly realized. Now Council President Bill Populus has presented an ordinance that would provide you, the residents of Fanwood, with the opportunity to tell the Mayor and Council whether you want the borough to purchase the property and what it should be used for. Through a non-binding question on the ballot on November 2 each citizen will have the right to vote on the decision. Look for more information on this critical issue in the coming months.

Be part of Fanwood's history by participating in the Millennium clock campaign. The Fanny Wood Day Committee has raised \$15,000 towards the purchase of the clock, which will be a tribute to the working relationship between our residents, the local government and the businesses in town. As we move into the 21st Century the four-faced Victorian clock will be a monument that represents the people of Fanwood. It will be located at the corner of Martine and South Avenues and will be dedicated on our 4th Annual Fanny Wood Day Sunday September 26, 1999. Checks can be made out to the Fanny Wood Day Clock and mailed to my attention at:

**75 North Martine Avenue Fanwood, NJ 07023.**

I hope you enjoy this inaugural edition of the Fanwoodian. It is an honor to serve as your Mayor and I welcome your comments and calls. I can be reached at the Borough Hall on (908) 322-8236.

With Warm Regards,

Maryanne Connelly Mayor

## Fanwood is For Family & Friends Throw A Block Party to Celebrate

Join an old Fanwood tradition by starting your own annual block party. Here's how to get started:

- Decide on the date, time and location of the party

- Write to the Fanwood Police for permission to block the street (include details on where on your street you would like traffic blocked.

- Once approved, you will be notified in writing. The Department of Public Works delivers the barricades the day before the party. If the party continues past dark, the barricades must be lit.

- Some blocks ask everyone to

chip in money for food and drinks; others ask party-goers to bring their own. Many parties donate excess money to local organizations.

- Plan plenty of activities for the kids, add music, good weather and stir.

Feel free to contact the Fanwood Communication/Volunteer Committee if you have additional questions.

## Recycling Center Offers Citizens Magic of Mulch

Generally we bring material to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Recycling Center. But there is a material that we can take away from the center for use in gardening or around shrubs. Its mulch! Mulch is a decomposed, natural, loose material that is used to discourage the growth of weeds and to conserve soil moisture. While wood chips at the center are available to anyone, mulch is exclusively for the use of Fanwood residents, so don't be surprised if a recycling attendant asks you for identification.

If you need mulch, bring containers and a shovel to the center between 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Wednesday or Saturday.

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The Fanwood Communications/Volunteer Committee is always looking for individuals and organizations interested in providing manpower, money or expertise. We also welcome material and suggestions for inclusion in the next newsletter.

## History Collection To Be Established

The Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission and the Fanwood Public Library have announced the creation of the Fanwood Collection to be located in the Fanwood Room of the Library.

The Collection will consist of photographs, maps, documents, correspondence and other historic memorabilia related to the development of Fanwood and its significance as a 20th-century suburban commuter community.

Volunteers with expertise in archiving historic collections to assist in this project are sought. Interested parties may contact the Fanwood Borough Hall.

The Fanwood Collection will also include professional reference books for in-library use on a variety of topics with an emphasis on restoring and preserving historic houses.

Several of the books are intended to help homeowners identify the styles of their houses within the context of New Jersey's diverse architectural heritage. Others will help homeowners select authentic color schemes for their houses, while still others will provide inspiration for period interior design schedules.

Technical advice for restoring, repairing, renovating and adding on to older houses is offered in several books, two of which focus on specific rooms of the house: the kitchen and the bathroom.

The Commission is working with Dan Weiss, the Fanwood Library Director, to establish a system for access to these materials by residents.

The Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission was established by ordinance of the Borough to assist the Borough in identification of historic resources, to advise Borough agencies regarding goals and techniques of historic preservation, to collect and distribute historical materials, and to establish and preserve local historic resources.



Photo courtesy The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood  
**Brian Piccola tries out a carnival game during last year's Memorial Day celebration in Fanwood's LaGrande Park. Area residents enjoyed an array of food and activities at the event despite overcast skies and a morning thunderstorm.**

## Fanwood Assessment Committee's Downtown Improvements Underway

Exciting things are happening in downtown Fanwood! The Fanwood Revitalization Committee is proud to announce several actions for 1999. You may have already noticed the new park benches and planters that have been installed to beautify the downtown area and make it an inviting place to visit and stay a while.

The Committee is not stopping there. Soon we will start other projects to make shopping in Fanwood more enjoyable. The municipal parking lot is getting a face-lift and will be re-graded to prevent flooding. The businesses that back onto that area and the Committee are working together to put centralized garbage collection in place, making that whole area more attractive. The merchants will realize cost savings as well. Additional improvements are in the planning stages.

These cooperative efforts have led to the establishment of the

Fanwood Business and Professional Association (FBPA), which is actively seeking new members. The Association seeks businesses, professionals and people doing business at home. For more information on our Association please contact us via e-mail at FBPA@home.com, or call (908) 889 6515

*In 1878 the train schedule indicated that the traveling time from Fanwood to Manhattan was 52 minutes... Today it takes 55 minutes.*

## DECA Students Win Award

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States. They competed with over 180 entries, and while they did not win a national award, Elko, McClintock and Gicas did an outstanding job in representing Fanwood and New Jersey.

"This project was a great learning experience, and we are very proud of winning our State competition, and for the opportunity to compete nationally", said Andrew Elko.

The students' computer generated presentation will be made available to the Assessment Committee. DECA, Distributive Education Clubs of America, is an association of marketing students.

## Memorial Day in LaGrande Park

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concessions. Each volunteer is asked to work for about 3 hours. If you would like to volunteer please call Linda at (908) 889-4935.

Crafters are welcome to participate. Reserved space costs \$30. Additional space costs \$20.00 more. Crafters wishing information should contact Laurie at (908) 322-4962.

Local clubs and organizations are also welcome to participate by setting up information tables or booths. For information contact Linda at 908-889-4935.

## Web Sites for More Info About Life in & Around Fanwood

[www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com)

Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood

[www.inthegardenstate.com](http://www.inthegardenstate.com)

Comcast Online's Local Web Site

[www.unioncountynj.org](http://www.unioncountynj.org)

The County of Union

[www.ucac.com](http://www.ucac.com)

The Union County Arts Center

[www.ucc.com](http://www.ucc.com)

Union County College

[www.njtransit.com](http://www.njtransit.com)

New Jersey Transit

[www.ci.summit.nj.us](http://www.ci.summit.nj.us)

City of Summit

[www.westfieldnj.com](http://www.westfieldnj.com)

Town of Westfield

[www.njmuseums.com](http://www.njmuseums.com)

Listing of Museums in NJ

[www.lsc.org](http://www.lsc.org)

Liberty Science Center

## Fanwood to Celebrate Memorial Day in the Park

The Fanwood Parks Restoration Committee is preparing for the annual Memorial Day in the Park. The event will take place on Monday May 31, 1999 at LaGrande Park. It will begin immediately after the parade and continue until 4 P.M.

Observances will begin with a memorial service at 8:00 A.M. at American Legion Post 209 in Scotch Plains with the laying of wreaths at the Fanwood Memorial Library at 9:00 A.M..

Aside from benefiting the Parks, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Battleship New Jersey Foundation.

Everyone is invited to enjoy food and beverages, participate in games and events and stroll through the craft fair. Children will enjoy the many games, pony rides and face painting.

This event is being made possible in part through the support of generous local businesses like John's Meat Market who donated hot dogs, and The A & P for donations of beverages and condiments. In the past years several other local businesses have helped by sponsoring various games and activities. Any business wishing to become a part of the day should call Russell at (908) 654-5923.

Volunteers are needed to work at the games or

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## Mayor Seeks Contributions Toward Millennium Clock

Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly of Fanwood announced that contributions are still being accepted for the Millennium Clock soon to be installed at the south side of the Fanwood Train Station.

"Fanwood is a perfect community for a clock that chimes. Unlike other towns, the noise from the traffic will not overwhelm the chimes, which can be controlled so as not to interfere with normal hours of sleep," she revealed.

The Fanny Wood Day Committee has already raised \$15,000 toward the project, and major fund-raising efforts are underway.

Residents and businesses will receive a letter asking for their participation. The levels of giving will be outlined, and donors who contribute \$500 or more will receive a miniature replica of the clock and have their names inscribed on a brass plaque on the base of the town clock.

Plans are being made to dedicate the Fanwood Millennium Clock on Sunday, September 26, at the fourth annual Fanny Wood Day festivities. Contributions should be sent to Mayor Maryanne Connelly at 75 North Martine Avenue.

Checks can be made out to the Fanny Wood Day Clock. All questions can be directed to Mayor Connelly's office at (908) 322-8236.

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